



Lewis and Clark Coinage and Currency Set Sells Out

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Limited Edition Reaches 50,000 Sets in First Week of Issue

WASHINGTON. — The United States Mint today announced the sellout of the 2004 Lewis and Clark Coinage and Currency Set in its limited edition of 50,000 just six days after it went on sale at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, May 12, 2004.

Based on the high number of sets per order received in the first few hours, the United States Mint imposed a limit of 10 sets per order to ensure the widest possible distribution of this historical offering while still maintaining its limited mintage of 50,000 units.

Proof and uncirculated versions of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Silver Dollar are still available during the introductory sales period ending June 11, 2004, for \$35, and \$33, respectively. Thereafter, the proof silver dollar is \$39, and the uncirculated silver dollar \$35. Taking into account the 100,000 coins contained in the two limited edition sets; the Lewis and Clark Coinage and Currency Set and the Lewis & Clark Coin & Pouch Set; and early sales of the individual proof and uncirculated silver dollars, fewer than 300,000 coins are still available.

The limited edition Lewis & Clark Coin & Pouch Set, priced at \$120 each, will become available on September 7, 2004. The set contains a proof Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Silver Dollar and a handmade American Indian pouch with its own Certificate of Authenticity, individually signed by the American Indian artisan who made it. No two are exactly alike. Because of the unique design of the American Indian pouches, each will be randomly selected by the United States Mint.

The Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act authorizes a maximum mintage of 500,000 Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Silver Dollars with a portion of the proceeds authorized to be paid to the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council and the National Park Service. The funds will support activities associated with the commemoration.

Customers can purchase the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Silver Dollar by using the United States Mint's secure website, www.usmint.gov, or by calling 1-800-USA-MINT (872-6468). Hearing- and speech-impaired customers with TTY equipment may order by calling 1-888-321-MINT (6468). A shipping and handling fee of \$4.95 per order will be added to all domestic orders.

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